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1. In a device so designed and fabricated so as to deliver a continuous or intermittent stream of paint, stain, or other paint-like material to the working or "bristle" end of a standard off the shelf paint brush from a remotely located, but fully connected portable paint vessel, the paint stream being propelled over and through, internally, a flexible tube of convenient diameter and length so as to render the paint completely flowable along the internal aspect of the tube and thus the paint being capable of being delivered in like manner to another rigid tube, when properly and snugly connected to the same, that original flow or stream of paint proceeding into and through the rigid tube at its one connecting terminus and thus being expressed from the other terminus of the same tube, which, due to a flattening of the tube, which thusly appears as a triangular entity, creates a restricted, ovoid aperture, the so-designed opening of which provides two distinct functions, i.e., on the one hand, due to the restricted nature of the aperture, the paint flow is regulated or flow-restricted in such a manner as to provide some merit of control of the volume of the paint material, and also, secondly, to distribute the paint material in a broadened pattern onto the bristle or working area of the standard paint brush, the triangular terminus being so ideally placed in that area so as to effect a flow of paint or other paint-like material to the bristle end of the brush and, thusly, the paint to further penetrate the said area, the paint distribution to be further augmented and assisted by an attached distribution apron of such design to aid in the further travel and spreading of the paint material to the lower portion of the bristle end of the brush in such a manner

as to deliver the paint material closely to the working ends of the bristles of the brush, thusly to be spread onto the to be painted surface as is traditionally done by an operator utilizing a standard paint brush to accomplish paintwork.

2. A device so designed and described in claim 1 which has the ability to be completely attached to a standard, off the shelf paint brush in such a manner as to be fully adjustable to be fit onto and to be patently usable on a variety of brush sizes, the brush itself having no modifications within itself and being fully usable with or without the said attached device.

3. A device of claim 2 whereby it has the capability of being attached to a standard, off the shelf paint brush by a set of adjustable lateral and integral "J" shaped brush clamps, these clamps being applied to and snugged against the sides of the brush in a location which would be somewhat centrally located on the brush and in the area of the connection between the brush handle and the brush bristles, or other material end, the said adjustable clamps having the ability to be tightened in a "closed" or snug position against the brush sides and thusly providing a firm and secure attachment for the device on the top surface of the standard paint brush, but, in no way interfering with the traditional use of the brush to spread paint by an operator.

4. A device which when assembled from its component parts and fully and securely attached to a standard paint brush would have the ability to act as a conduit for paint or other paint-like material to be delivered from a remote vessel containing the paint material through a series of two tubes, the one flexible, and the other rigid, and when

connected to each other and, thusly connected to the remote vessel, the paint material following the enclosed course of the tubing, to be ultimately delivered to the bristle end of the standard paint brush, effecting an ever-flowing or intermittent stream of paint material to the working surface of the brush without the necessity of having the brush to be "dipped" into a paint can or otherwise supplied with paint, the device comprising:

a. a first element or stationary platform, being of a convenient size and design so as to fit on the top surface of a standard paint brush in the central area of the brush, between the handle and bristle end, the platform featuring a centrally located pair of flexible retaining clips and at least two eccentric knobs, which when turned, provide an internal thread which has the ability to engage a screw passing from below the stationary platform and effect a tightening of other component members to the platform and

b. a second element consisting of at least two "J" shaped structures or clamps with integral slots, which when placed directly below the stationary platform and connected to the platform via a threaded screw, which itself is connected to a disc-shaped boss, this combination of boss and screw to pass from the underside of the clamps, through the slots and into and through the stationary platform and engaging the tightening knobs the whole of which can be thusly tightened together, providing two distinct and important functions, that is, on the one hand, having the ability of the clamps to engage several different paint brush sizes and, on the other hand, to securely fasten the stationary platform or element one, to the top surface of the paint brush, providing a stable table-like unit and

c. a third element, which consists of a rigid tube of convenient diameter having at one terminus a connection with a flexible tube and at the other, a flattened,

triangular-shaped terminus with a smaller diameter, ovoid opening which, in effect, would restrict paint flow and also provide an element of paint spreading ability, in addition, the rigid tube having a series of grooves or detents, which render use as a longitudinal positioning function for the tube when connected to the flexible retaining clips featured on the stationary platform or element one, and.

d. a forth element, consisting of a trapezoidal or similar shaped apron-like structure, which when fabricated out of a possible variety of materials, such as brush bristles, dense foam, or thin, flexible plastics, etc., and being bound together and having an underside centrally located set of flexible retaining clips, which when engaged and connected to the rigid paint tube, or element three, acts in several distinct and valuable ways, i.e., to promote paint flow and distribution to the working or bristle end of the paint brush as well as providing a containment function for the paint emitted from the terminus of the rigid tube, or element three.

5. the device as described in claim 4, that when connected to a remote paint containment vessel, this vessel having an electrically activated pump and paint siphon tube, which when connected to the flexible tube and thusly at some distance to the terminus of the rigid tube, or element three of claim 4, makes it possible for a continuous or intermittent stream of paint material to be actively transferred from the remote paint vessel, via the flexible and rigid tubes as delineated in claim 4, to the working or bristle end of the paint brush, the whole of which is controlled via a remote on-off electric button-type switch, which, via a ring-like structure, can be connected to the finger of the operator and thus, provide for the activation of the pump to deliver the required paint or paint-like material from the pump to the bristles of the brush with no other intervening or secondary paint source needed.

6. a device as described in claim 4, which can be used on a variety of standard paint brushes made of differing materials such as China bristle, plastic resin bristle, dense foam or any other material that has the ability to hold, transfer and apply paint or paint-like material to a to-be-painted surface and that such a device is not restricted in use to any type of standard paint brush, based on the shape of the brush, be it flat, round, etc., the device having the ability to deliver the paint material and to be attached to said brushes of differing shapes in a similar manner throughout as described in claim 4.

7. a device as described in claim 4, which can be connected to any type of remote paint vessel and at any desired distance or position from the brush or the operator at will, this would include any type of pump vessel or gravity feed vessel or cup containing paint or paint-like material which has the ability to be delivered through a series of tubing to the paint brush.

8. a device as described in claim 4, that would be able to transport and spread any of the available types of paint material or stains or paint-like material, be it oil based, latex based, oil or latex stains, etc., regardless of viscosity or chemical makeup of the material, as long as it is a product designed to be utilized by any type of standard paint brush application.

9. a device as described in claim 4, having a distribution apron-like structure, which has the ability to be fabricated out of a variety of materials, such as bristles, foam

or plastic, the same being formed by any manufacturing process and having on its underside, a series of radiating channels or grooves in the case of the foam or plastic material, etc., and displayed in a fan-like pattern, this aiding in the distribution and spreading of the paint material in a wider pattern, along the brush surface of the paint brush and assisting the placement of the paint along the width of the bristle or other material end of the brush and at a convenient distance from the ends of the brush bristles to effect a continuous or intermittent volume of paint ready and waiting to be spread by the bristle ends, the distribution apron itself made of a flexible material and not in any way interfering with the free movement of the working end of the brush or impeding paint application by the operator to the to be painted surface.

10. a device as described in claim 4, whereby due to the slight changing of the aperture or the effective diameter of the rigid, removable paint tube triangular-shaped terminus, would allow varying flow rates to be delivered into the brush end of the paint brush or, due to increased paint delivery pressure to the rigid tube, via whatever means, would effect or amount to a spray pattern, this being enclosed via the attached and covering structure of the distribution apron, the varying flow rates being controlled by the operator and maximizing paint flow rate, while at the same time, minimizing potential over supply of paint material to the brush working end.

11. a device as described in claim 1, that is held firmly in place on the top aspect of a standard paint brush in the area between the handle and bristle area of the brush, via an alternate attachment structure, namely, that of a rectangular-shaped piece of flexible material, which features a series of centrally positioned and longitudinally arranged cuts or perforations in the same material, the material in between the perforations being

arranged in a manner alternating between up and down segments, the same of which creates what amounts to a channel, that channel being a repository for the rigid paint tube, which has been threaded up and down through the alternative segments in a "sewing-like" manner, the same rigid tube thusly being held firmly within the confines of the flexible material and in a longitudinal and centrally positioned relationship with the paint brush and when so positioned, the flexible rectangular-shaped material piece is folded around circumfrentially the connecting strap area of the paint brush, the flexible material securely tightened around the brush and fixed in position by two segments of reusable self-adhesive strips or areas, attached and permanently fixed in place on either terminus of the flexible rectangular-shaped material piece and placed on the flexible material in such manner as to interlock with each other when pressed together, the same system effecting a tight, secure cuff-like closure of the flexible rectangular-shaped piece of material to the paintbrush, thusly retaining the rigid paint tube in an ideal position to distribute the paint material to the brislte end of the paint brush.